

NIOD INSTITUTE FOR WAR, HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES IS THE DUTCH INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH, DOCUMENTATION, STUDY AND INTERPRETATION OF THE HISTORY OF WAR, GENOCIDE AND MASS VIOLENCE. THE KEY ELEMENTS OF NIOD'S STRATEGY ARE DEBATE AND OUTREACH AS WELL AS STATE-OF-THE-ART INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH, THE DEVELOPMENT OF FINDING TOOLS FOR COLLECTIONS AND HIGH SERVICE STANDARDS. IN 2014, NIOD MAINTAINED AND CONSOLIDATED A NUMBER OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS. WE FURTHER STRENGTHENED OUR CLOSE TIES WITH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (USA). OUR COLLABORATION WITH THE AEGIS (COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY) AND THE JSCOR (JEWISH SOCIAL FOUNDATION (USA) RESULTED IN, FOR EXAMPLE, THE EUROPEAN HOLOCAUST RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE (EHRI) PROGRAMME AND PLAN TO SET UP A KNOWLEDGE CENTRE FOR RESOURCES (KENNISCENTRUM OORLOGECONOMIE) WITH KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE WITH OTHER EXPERTS FROM UNIVERSITIES. STUDIES WERE FINALISED IN THE COURSE OF 2014.

# REVIEW AND

NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies

# HIGHLIGHTS 2014

**NIOD**

instituut voor  
**oorlogs-, holocaust-  
en genocidestudies**

institute for war, holocaust and genocide studies  
collectie  
weten  
maatschappij



Library

Books Kamp Westerbork en Kamp Vught

Cooperation with

**NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies is the Dutch institute for research, documentation, study and interpretation of the history of war, genocide and mass violence. The key elements of NIOD's strategy are debate and outreach as well as state-of-the-art interdisciplinary research, the development of finding tools for collections and high service standards.**

In 2014, NIOD maintained and consolidated a number of national and international partnerships. We further strengthened our close ties with Columbia University (USA). Our collaboration with the Aegis Trust (Rwanda) and the USC Shoah Foundation (USA) resulted in, for example, the first Summer School in Genocide Studies in Rwanda. We developed a follow-up for the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) programme and plan to set up a knowledge centre for war resources (Kenniscentrum Oorlogsbronnen). The knowledge exchange with other experts from universities, institutes or tribunals is invaluable for our staff. This leaflet only allows for a small selection of projects. To find out more about our other initiatives, projects and activities please visit [www.niod.knaw.nl/en](http://www.niod.knaw.nl/en).

In 2014, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) secured NIOD's independent position, following lengthy explorations of a possible merger with other humanities institutes. We have since been exploring a range of opportunities and possibilities to reposition our institute and this process will be finalised in the course of 2015.

### Some NIOD partners and alliances

- CEGESOMA, Brussels
- Columbia University, New York City
- Duitsland Instituut, University of Amsterdam
- Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Euroclio (the European Association of History Educators)
- Herinneringscentrum Kamp Westerbork
- Humanities Institutes of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences
- Human Rights Watch
- Jewish Museum Prague
- Nationaal Monument Kamp Vught
- The Anne Frank House, Amsterdam
- The International Criminal Court, The Hague
- The International Tracing Service, Bad Arolsen
- The National Archives of the Netherlands, The Hague
- The National Committee for 4 and 5 May, Amsterdam
- The National Library of the Netherlands
- The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Amsterdam
- The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington DC
- University of Amsterdam
- Utrecht University
- Yad Vashem, Jerusalem
- Aegis Trust, Newark, Nottinghamshire



Kigali Genocide Memorial Center



Bredero Lyceum lessons on genocide for HMD



Moedige mensen

## Research projects 'Erfpacht' research

In May 2014, the Municipality of Amsterdam published a NIOD report on wartime *erfpacht* (long lease ground rents). The Municipality of Amsterdam owns most of the city's ground and house owners usually have a long lease on their ground. In 2011, a young history student discovered that not only did the Jews have to pay the overdue rent on their ground upon their return from the camps, in 1945, they were also charged interest. In retrospect, the way the Dutch reacted to the return of Jewish survivors of the Nazi atrocities has been labelled 'cold and bureaucratic', even by post-war standards. Our researchers discovered that the Municipality had charged the equivalent of €820,000 in interest. The Mayor of Amsterdam subsequently pledged to set this record straight and compensate the claimants. He also commissioned NIOD to conduct further research into the case.

## Marie Curie Fellowship

Nicole Immler was awarded a prestigious Marie Curie Fellowship for her research *Narratives of (In)justice*, conducted within the framework of NIOD's Transitional Justice Programme. Her two-year study focuses on post-war and post-colonial memories and their influence on the culture of restitution. The last decade, restitution and financial compensation, have become vital in the process of recognition for victims of persecution. Nicole Immler's research looks into Jewish restitution, but also investigates recent claims by families with a history of slavery in the former Dutch colonies.

## Westerbork and Vught

The PhD studies of Marieke Meeuwenoord and Eva Moraal, funded by the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS), resulted in the publication of two books on concentration camp Vught and transit camp

Westerbork. The two young scholars successfully defended their theses earlier, after extensive research into the history of the camps. Eva Moraal's *Als ik morgen niet op transport ga...* focuses on transit camp Westerbork. Largely based on memoirs, diaries and interviews, it gives a poignant impression of daily life in Westerbork. Marieke Meeuwenoord's *Het hele leven is hier een wereld op zichzelf* looks at the history of Camp Vught, the Dutch concentration camp where over 31,000 Jews, hostages and resistance fighters were imprisoned between early 1943 and September 1944. Meeuwenoord describes daily life in Vught from the prisoner's perspective. Her exhaustive monograph is based on post-war criminal files, extended archival research and memoirs and diaries. The two books were launched in Pakhuis De Zwijger in Amsterdam on 16 September. Marieke Meeuwenoord and war reporter Jan-Joseph Stok discussed how to live life 'normally' under extreme circumstances. The books received excellent reviews in national newspapers.

## Vidi grant

NIOD researcher Uğur Ümit Üngör, who also coordinates UvA's Master's programme in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, received an €800,000 Vidi grant from the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). Üngör, who has published extensively on state formation, mass violence and the Armenian Genocide, will conduct new research into paramilitarism. Paramilitaries are special units committing mass violence against civilians during ethnic conflicts. These units maintain close ties with political elites and often also with organised crime. This study will examine the relationship between organised crime and political violence and explain how and why paramilitarism arises and contributes to ethnic conflicts.



NIOD Annual Lecture



Nanci Adler, Marjan Schwegman, Abram de Swaan



Netwerk Oorlogsbronnen

## Velser Affaire

The book *De Velser Affaire. Een omstrede oorlogsgeschiedenis*, by NIOD researcher Bas von Benda Beckmann, was nominated for the Libris History Prize. It addresses the alleged collaboration of a part of the Velsen police force during the German occupation, shedding new light on anti-communist sentiments within the resistance and the local police. It puts an end to a decade-long controversy and was acclaimed for its thoroughness and nuance. Von Benda Beckmann subsequently called for new research into the Dutch resistance and its different ideological backgrounds.

## NIOD Collections Aegis Trust

Our ongoing collaboration with the Aegis Trust at the Genocide Memorial Centre in Kigali (Rwanda), which focuses on research, higher education and collection management, was confirmed in a Memorandum of Understanding. In 2014, NIOD completed a feasibility study into a documentation centre on the 1994 Rwandan Genocide, recommending a strategy to best preserve the archives for future generations. Based on the findings of the feasibility study, genocide survivors and the Aegis Trust launched the Gacaca Archive Project in December 2014. This project will look into the possibilities for setting up the documentation centre and tackle the main challenges with regard to access to and governance of the collections. NIOD has been asked to play an advisory role and identify potential user groups within the Rwandan and international context.

## War resources network: Netwerk Oorlogsbronnen

Netwerk Oorlogsbronnen (NOB), coordinated by NIOD, provides access to, and links online collections on, WW2. NOB also acts as a knowledge exchange network of museums and WW2 organisations. Its annual symposium in 2014, themed 'War collections >>> Next Level', was attended by some 150 professionals who wanted to learn

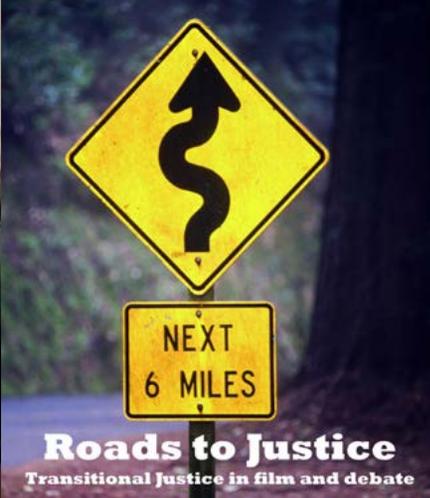
more about new and innovative ways to disclose war collections and archives and how to engage a broad young audience. Among other things, the symposium discussed the use of historical source materials in (serious) games and interactive media. New tools and a 'lean forward' approach to disclosing historical collections are needed to reach a new generation of digital natives.

## Mussert's love letters

One of the priorities of our Collections Department is digitising our archives and collections and making them available online. One of the many archives we digitised in 2014 consists of a unique correspondence between Maria Witlam and Anton Mussert in 1915. Anton Mussert, the collaborating National Socialist leader during the occupation, married Maria Witlam in 1917. Their pre-marriage 'love letters' give an impressive insight into Mussert's personality and personal life and are, therefore, an important historical source.

## Research into the NIOD collections' history

Bolkestein's famous appeal on Radio Oranje, in March 1944, urged the Dutch people to safeguard all memorabilia, diaries and publications about the occupation. NIOD's predecessor, RIOD, was created immediately after the liberation, on 7 July 1945, to collect the vast and very diverse proceeds of Bolkestein's appeal. In her PhD study, NIOD's former archivist Annemieke van Bockxmeer looks into the early years of the institute. In *De Oorlog Verzameld. Het ontstaan van de collectie van het NIOD*, published by De Bezige Bij, she states that RIOD founder Loe de Jong was not the only one who was after war documents. This led to fierce competition between RIOD, the Red Cross information bureau and the central bureau for special criminal jurisdiction (CABR). Van Bockxmeer also describes the chaotic circumstances in the RIOD office and a new interest in national heritage, which provided a fertile ground for the new institute.



Roads to Justice



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WO1 website Eerstewereldoorlog.nu

## War Museums

Seventy years after the liberation, there is still a lot of interest in the Second World War. The number of Dutch museums focused on the Second World War currently stands at 83 and is growing, as is the number of visitors. These are some findings of the PhD study by NIOD staff member Erik Somers. His book *De Oorlog in het Museum. Herinnering en Verbeelding*, on the memory of WW2 in Dutch museums, was published in the spring of 2014. Somers explores how the history of war museums is closely linked to the politics of memory and how 'the experience of authenticity' has become a key notion for a new generation of visitors.

## DARIAH-EU

DARIAH-EU (Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities) was launched in Paris in November 2014 as a European Research Infrastructure Consortium with a European legal entity. The General Assembly appointed NIOD researcher Conny Kristel as one of the Board Directors of DARIAH-ERIC, which provides strategic leadership for the day-to-day activities of DARIAH. DARIAH-EU supports researchers in digital research and is a service platform for the Humanities. DARIAH-EU aims to enhance and support digitally enabled research and teaching across the Arts and Humanities. It is a network of people, expertise, information, knowledge, content, methods, tools and technologies from 15 European countries. DARIAH-EU and EHRI (European Holocaust Research Infrastructure) are closely linked.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Antisemitisme.nu

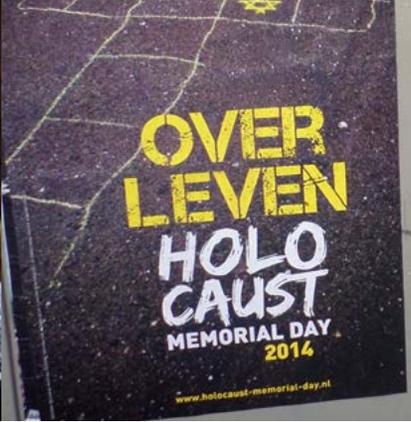
In 2014, the project 'The Dynamics of Contemporary Antisemitism in a Globalising Context. The "Jew" as a Framing Model in the Netherlands, Morocco, Poland and Turkey' published the final results. This project is funded under NWO's Strategic Theme 'Conflict and Security: Framing Conflict in Culture, Politics, and Science'. The project resulted in publications on antisemitism in Dutch, Polish, Turkish and Moroccan cultures. In his book *Haatspraak. Antisemitisme – een 21e eeuwse geschiedenis*, researcher Remco Ensel reflects on recent waves of antisemitism on the internet and in the streets of suburbs. The website [www.antisemitisme.nu](http://www.antisemitisme.nu), launched at the end of the project, analyses the debate on contemporary antisemitism and the (ab)use of Jewish stereotypes.

### Eerste Wereldoorlog Nu

Despite the neutral position of the Netherlands during the First World War, Dutch museums and other institutes joined the European commemorations of the Great War in 2014, which marked the start of a series of centennial commemorations. NIOD coordinates the Dutch First World War Platform, in collaboration with Huis Doorn and the Netherlands Open Air Museum. The platform focuses on the Dutch perspective on the Great War, in an international context, and looks at how it has shaped and contributed to today's society. In April 2014 the website [www.eerstewereldoorlog.nu](http://www.eerstewereldoorlog.nu) was launched with information about lectures, commemorative trips, exhibitions and other activities.



Researcher Evelien Gans



HMD posters in Amsterdam



Commemorations Rwanda 20 years after

## Heroes

NIOD director's call for new research on 'heroes' in her Van der Lubbe lecture in 2008, inspired our researchers to write about their own personal wartime heroes. This online series, edited by Jaap Cohen and Hinke Piersma, was published by Boom as *Moedige mensen. Helden in oorlogstijd*. The first copy of the book, which received wide media coverage, was presented to Johan van Hulst (1911), the only living hero portrayed in the book. During the war, van Hulst rescued many Jewish children from deportation. Reflecting on that time in his life he said "For me, the war never stops. I have seen too many children board tram line 9." About his acts of resistance he said: "I never aimed to be a hero. I did my duty, so I would never have to look back and regret not having acted on what I saw."

## Outreach Fighting Women

The three-day international conference *Fighting Women in Asia and Europe during and after World War II* was organised in collaboration with the Institute for Advanced Social Research Kwansai Gakuin University (Nishinomya, Japan), and sponsored by NIAS Wassenaar and KNAW's Conference Grants Fund. The conference aimed to explore the shifting roles of women in wartime situations. Traditionally, war is not seen as a woman's business. With regard to the Second World War, however, that was not how things were at all. In addition to being victims and survivors, women were also resistance fighters, spies, sympathisers, collaborators, propagandists, paramedics, paramilitaries, soldiers, abetting wives, mothers and girlfriends, civil defence volunteers, and office and factory workers. Over the past few decades, scholars have increasingly turned their attention to women's roles during the Second World War and to how they have changed their attitudes, scope of social and economic activity and social status.

## The Trial Record as a Historical Source

The Transitional Justice workshop, held at and co-organised with the National Archives in The Hague in June 2014, was one of the deliverables of our Transitional Justice Programme. One of the important research questions that have emerged from the programme is: what kind of history is being written in the narratives recorded by judges? Rulings by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), for example, have contributed to the pursuit of historical accuracy regarding the causes of the conflict. Yet the contending parties often leave the courtroom with their own "truths" still intact. Hence, the trial model is not necessarily successful in reconciling competing narratives of the same events. Tribunals, however, do facilitate access to testimonies that might have otherwise been inaccessible. That alone makes trial records an indispensable source for historians, who must subject them, like any other source, to critical scrutiny. During the workshop, international experts such as Professor William Shabas and Dr Vladimir Petrovic reflected on this topic.

## German Concentration Camps Factual Survey

When the allied forces started liberating occupied areas in early 1945, photographers and filmers joined front line troops to document the ruins and crimes of the Third Reich. They filmed survivors of labour and concentration camps, as well as mass graves and sites of destruction. Their footage was used as evidence against Nazi perpetrators, to educate the German people on the crimes committed by the regime they supported and to de-Nazify them. Alfred Hitchcock was commissioned to be an advisor to a poignant film to be shown in German cinemas. However, before they managed to complete the film the allied countries had adopted a strategy of reconstruction and reconciliation. They feared Hitchcock's film would alienate the Germans from this process. The film was never finished and ended up in the archives of the Imperial War Museum (IWM) in London. The 'German Concentration Camps Factual Survey' has recently been restored and 'completed'. It was screened as part of a



the 1994 genocide



Netwerk Oorlogsbronnen



Summer School Rwanda

Hitchcock retrospective at the Eye Film Institute Netherlands, in collaboration with NIOD, followed by a Q&A session between the audience and IWM's curators, moderated by NIOD director Marjan Schwegman.

### De Tweede Wereldoorlog in 100 voorwerpen

Together with 25 war and remembrance institutes, NIOD participated in a joint exhibition at the Rotterdam Kunsthall, curated by the historian Ad van Liempt and organised and funded by the National Committee for 4 and 5 May. NIOD contributed four items to the exhibition: A Nederlandsche Unie Manifesto, the book 'Die Niederlande und das Reich', gifted by Seyss Inquart to Anton Mussert in 1942, a Colonne Henneicke receipt for 'Jew hunters' and a German propaganda poster. The exhibition can still be visited online at [www.tweedewereldoorlog.nl/100voorwerpen](http://www.tweedewereldoorlog.nl/100voorwerpen).

### NIOD online: 70 years WOII

Starting on 6 June 2014, 70 years after D-Day, NIOD launched an online exhibition to mark the 70th anniversary of the defeat of the German army which looked back on the events that led to the end of WW2. The exhibition at [www.niod.nl/nl/70jaar-wo2](http://www.niod.nl/nl/70jaar-wo2) highlights well known and lesser known events such as the liberation of Paris and the departure of the last train from Westerbork to Auschwitz.

### University teaching Holocaust and Genocide Studies

In 2014 NIOD celebrated the 10th edition of its Master's programme in Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Amsterdam admitting just over 20 students with various nationalities and backgrounds. Apart from the programme's core course in Holocaust and Genocide studies, the students also attended courses on Holocaust Studies and Transitional Justice, comparative genocide studies and perpetrator behaviour.

### Summer School Rwanda

As part of our cooperation with the Aegis Trust and the Genocide Memorial Center in Kigali (Rwanda) in the field of research, higher education and collection management, our staff organised the first ever short course in Genocide Studies in Rwanda. The two-week summer school 'Holocaust and Genocide Studies' was offered at post-BA graduate level and eligible for 6 ECTSs. The course included classes, field visits and lectures on the origins and definitions of genocide, segregation and dehumanisation, the media and genocide: inciting and reporting, comparative studies with other genocides (Armenia, the Holocaust, Yugoslavia and Darfur), testimonies from survivors, rescuers and perpetrators and research methods. The participating students also learned about reconciliation and prevention.

### NIOD Alumni

Two NIOD alumni received young scholar awards in 2014. Katie Digan won the Otto von der Gablentz Prize for her MA theses on the Wannsee House Memorial. Daan de Leeuw was awarded the Volkskrant IISG MA thesis prize for historians for his research into the motives of Nazi doctors and their medical experiments in concentration camps.

### Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) in the Netherlands focuses on teaching young generations about the Holocaust and other genocides. NIOD is the national coordinator of all activities commemorating the liberation of Auschwitz on 27 January 1945. In 2014, NIOD enjoyed a special cooperation with the Amsterdam Bredero Lyceum. A small group of advanced students developed a short course on genocide, entitled 'Through different eyes', and curated a special exhibition on their project in our lobby, which was officially opened by HMD ambassador Andrew Makkinga. 'Through different eyes' is a short introduction to the complicated topic of genocide and is now used in schools in and outside of the Netherlands.

## Activity calendar 2014

10 January	Opening HMD exhibition 'Through Different Eyes'
15 January	Helden en Schurken 5: Na de bevrijding
19 January	Teacher training HMD
23 January	NMA lecture Luis Moreno Ocampo
26 January	HMD Rwanda: Verzoenen, vergeten, verder gaan?
31 January	Teacher training Illustere School/ NIOD
5 February	Na de Bevrijding: Thuiskomst
12 February	Na de Bevrijding: Afrekening
19 February	Na de Bevrijding: Verloren Jeugd
20 February	Roads to Justice – International Criminal Justice and Global Politics: Perspectives of the Defence
26 February	Na de Bevrijding: Alles wordt anders
4 March	Roads to Justice – Legacies of the Closing International Tribunals
5 March	Na de Bevrijding: Koude Oorlog
12 March	Na de Bevrijding: Ver van huis
19 March	Helden en Schurken 5: De Europese burgeroorlog?
19 March	Na de Bevrijding: Wederopbouw
31 March	Zeithistorische Perspektieven: Christine Gundermann
2 April	Roads to Justice: Rwanda Today
16 April	Helden en Schurken 5: Loe de Jong
22 April	Loe de Jong – 100 years
24 April	Book launch Remco Ensel
5 May	Huizen van Verzet: NIOD tour
7 May	Roads to Justice: Apologies and the Dutch East Indies
19 May	Zeithistorische Perspektieven: Frank Bösch
21 May	Helden en Schurken 5: Spreken over fout
23 May	Kigali's Piers
28 May	Oorlog in beeld
11 June	Conference Fighting Women
19 June	Symposium: The Trial Record as a Historical Source
29 June	Sztuka Polska Art in Polish history
30 June	Training Wikipedia
3 July	Training Wikipedia
12 September	Oral History Workshop
16 September	Overleven: Dagelijks leven in kampen toen en nu
18 September	NIOD Annual Lecture- Jan Gross
28 September	German concentration camps Factual Survey
4 October	Teacher training IWitness
15 October	Presentatie boek Haatspraak and launch Antisemitisme.nu
23-25 October	Conference Public History in a Digital World
30 October	Book launch Moedige mensen: helden in oorlogstijd
18 November	Symposium and exhibition The Truth About Bahay Pula
19 November	Teacher training Lesgeven over de Holocaust en andere genociden
25 November	NIOD Now: Violence Remembered, Violence Lived
30 Nov-2Dec	Symposium The History of the Jews in the Netherlands

# FACTS AND FIGURES 2014



## READING ROOM VISITORS 2014

● VISITS:	4,736
● REQUESTED DOCUMENTS:	10,196

## NIOD

● STAFF FTE (AT 31 DECEMBER 2014):	49.61
● STAFF:	58

## ONLINE

	2013	2014
● NIOD.NL	148,855	199,545
● OORLOGSBRONNEN.NL	77,053	91,224

## FUNDING

● KNAW (LUMP SUM)	€ 2,873,600
● KNAW STRATEGIC FUND	€ 19,478
● IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION	€ 322,350
● NWO	€ 187,315
● OTHER FUNDING	€ 1,678,225
● OTHER INCOME	€ 119,037
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 5,080,968</b>

